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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SPECIAL EMISSARY HABIB BOURGUIBA, JR.

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1. IF, AS WE BELIEVE, PRESIDENT'S BUSY SCHEDULE DOES NOT RPT NOT PERMIT HIM TO RECEIVE SPECIAL IMIS-SARY HABIB BOURGUIBA, JR., I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT TOCKEFELLER. SINCE BOURGUIBA, JR. IS CARRYING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND IN VIEW OF HIS CONSIDERABLE STATURE IN THIS COUNTRY, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT HE AT LEAST SEE THE VICE PRESIDENT.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HABIB BOURGUIBA, JR. HAS OVER THE YEARS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO U.S. INTERESTS IN TUNISIA. AGAIN AND AGAIN, BECAUSE OF HIS EXCEEDINGLY STRONG AFFINITY FOR THE U.S. AND HIS FIRM BELIEF IN THE IMPERATIVE OF A CLOSE TUNISIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP, BOURGUIBA, JR. HAS ACTED ON OUR BEHALF REGARDING A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS. ALTHOUGH APREVIOUS ILLNESS FORCES HIM TO LIMIT HIS ACTIVITIES SOMEWHAT, HE IS ONCE AGAIN ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL -- AND HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A COMMANDING FIGURE IN THE REGIME FOR YEARS TO COME.

3. HABIB BOURGUIBA, JR. WILL DISAPPOINTED IF HE  
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IS UNABLE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, BUT IF WE CAN ARRANGE

FOR HIM TO CALL BRIEFLY ON THE VICE PRESIDENT I  
BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL TO A GREAT EXTENT TEMPER HIS  
DISAPPOINTMENT. HE IS A SENSITIVE AND PROUD MAN  
WHO WOULD NOT RPT NOT REACT KINDLY TO ANY POSSIBLE  
FAILURE ON OUR PART TO ACCORD HIM HIGH LEVEL TREAT-  
MENT WHILE ON A MISSION FOR HIS ILLUSTRIOUS FATHER.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, IF I  
COULD TELL BOURGUIBA, JR. BEFORE HE DEPARTS HERE ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 9 (HE PLANS TO SPEND TWO DAYS IN  
LONDON) WHOM HE WILL BE SEEING IN WASHINGTON.  
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